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TORRENS, AARON SAMUEL. Died in Hanford, January 2, 1949, aged 69, following a stroke. Graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, 1909. Licensed in California in 1917. Dr. Torrens was a member of the Kings County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



VAN DALSEM, SAMUEL BURNS. Died in San Jose, January 18, 1949, aged 73, of carcinoma. Graduate of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia, 1902. Licensed in California in 1902. Dr. Van Dalsem was a retired member of the Santa Clara County Medical Society, and the California Medical Association.

Lambert B. Coblentz

Lambert B. Coblentz, or, as he was affectionately known by his friends, "Bert" Coblentz, died on January 28, 1949, following an attack of coronary thrombosis suffered on a hunting trip some three weeks previously.

Dr. Coblentz was born in 1880 in Plymouth, Amador County, from where his parents moved, early in his life, to Santa Maria. After attending the University of California and graduation from Cooper Medical College in 1904, he interned at the old German Hospital, now the Franklin Hospital. Returning to Santa Maria to practice, he remained there until 1928, becoming during that time the town's most prominent physician and a civic leader. He moved to San Francisco to practice, and thenceforward his professional activities were largely

identified with St. Luke's Hospital. He was a member of the department of medicine of the Stanford School of Medicine until he became emeritus in 1945. He also belonged to numerous medical societies and was active for several years as chairman of the professional conduct committee of the San Francisco County Medical Society, a capacity in which he used unusual skill and tact in the settlement of disputes. As a member of the executive committee of the Editorial Board, a position to which he was appointed in 1943 by Dr. George H. Kress who then was Editor, he served the journal of the California Medical Association willingly and well. At the time of his death he had been a member of the Family Club of San Francisco for over 30 years, and until a few years ago had also been an active member of the Presidio Golf Club.

Bert Coblentz had that rare gift of immediately feeling at home with a new acquaintance. It was therefore only natural that there were unusually many people who considered themselves his friends. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. His sense of humor was great, and his inexhaustible fund of stories, many of them dating back to practice in his early Santa Maria days, provided a good laugh on many an occasion. His patients had for him an attachment as well as a feeling of personal closeness and interest far above the usual physician-patient relationship. And so it is not surprising that in his last years it was his practice which, outside his family, consumed most of his interest.

It had been his great wish to go on with his practice and finally to die "with his boots on." While his going is an irreparable loss to his family, his patients and his friends, we can console ourselves a little by the thought that his wish was granted.

